Daily Digest

HIGHLIGHTS

Senate passed the Admiral Nance Foreign Relations Authorization Act, Fiscal Years 2000 and 2001.

Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages S7379-S7482

Measures Introduced: Ten bills were introduced, as follows: S. 1257–1266. Page S7452

Measures Passed:

Admiral James W. Nance Foreign Relations Authorization Act: By 98 yeas to 1 nay (Vote No. 180), Senate passed S. 886, to authorize appropriations for the Department of State for fiscal years 2000 and 2001, to provide for enhanced security at United States diplomatic facilities, to provide for certain arms control, nonproliferation, and other national security measures, and to provide for reform of the United Nations, after taking action on the following amendments proposed thereto:

Pages S7379, S7382-93, S7406-23

Adopted:

Wellstone Modified Amendment No. 697, to express the sense of Congress that the global use of child soldiers is unacceptable and that the international community should find remedies to end this practice.

Pages S7384-85

Sarbanes Amendment No. 695 (Division 2), to increase the authorization of appropriations for contributions for international peacekeeping activities.

Pages S7385-86

Helms/Biden Amendment No. 705, to make certain technical amendments. Pages \$7410, \$7422

Helms/Biden Amendment No. 706, to amend the short title of the bill to read "Admiral James W. Nance Foreign Relations Authorization Act, Fiscal Years 2000 and 2001". Pages \$7410, \$7422

Helms (for Biden) Amendment No. 707, to require that the representative of the United States to the Vienna office of the United Nations also serve as representative of the United States to the International Atomic Energy Agency. Pages \$7410, \$7422

Helms Amendment No. 708, to provide a clarification of an exception to national security controls on satellite export licensing.

Pages S7410, S7422

Helms Amendment No. 709, to extend the use of the Foreign Service personnel system.

Pages S7410, S7422

Helms (for Biden) Amendment No. 710, to require an annual financial audit of the United States section of the International Boundary and Water Commission.

Pages \$7410, \$7422

Helms Amendment No. 711, to require an examination of the feasibility of duplicating the Embassy Paris Regional Outreach Centers.

Pages S7410-11, S7422

Helms (for Abraham) Amendment No. 712, relating to the development of an automated entry-exit control system for the United States.

Pages S7410-12, S7422

Helms (for Kennedy) Amendment No. 713, to require reports with respect to the holding of a referendum on Western Sahara.

Pages S7410, S7412, S7422

Helms (for Durbin) Amendment No. 714, to require the designation of a senior-level State Department official for Northeastern Europe.

Pages S7410, S7412-13, S7422

Helms (for Leahy) Amendment No. 715, relating to the political and military situation in East Timor.

Pages S7410, S7413-15, S7422

Helms (for Moynihan) Amendment No. 716, to allocate funds for scholarships for doctoral graduate study in the social sciences to nationals of the independent states of the former Soviet Union.

Pages S7410, S7415, S7422

Helms (for Reid) Amendment No. 717, to require the Secretary of State to issue regulations with regard to the issuance of passports to minors under the age of 18 years.

Pages S7410, S7415, S7422

Helms (for Bingaman) Amendment No. 718, to establish within the Department of State the position of Science and Technology Adviser.

Pages S7410, S7415, S7422

Helms (for Thomas) Amendment No. 719, to prohibit the return of veterans memorial objects to foreign nations without specific authorization in law.

Pages S7410, S7415, S7422

Helms (for Biden/Roth) Amendment No. 720, to express the sense of Congress with respect to the Inter-Governmental Authority for Development peace process in Sudan. Pages \$7410, \$7415-16, \$7422

Helms (for Lugar) Amendment No. 721, to require a study on licensing process under the Arms Export Control Act. Pages S7410, S7416, S7422

Helms (for Lugar) Amendment No. 722, to establish a training program in Russia for nationals of Russia to obtain skills in business administration, accounting, and marketing, with special emphasis on instruction in business ethics and in the basic terminology, techniques, and practices of those disciplines to achieve international standards of quality, transparency, and competitiveness.

Pages S7410, S7416-17, S7422

Helms (for McCain) Amendment No. 723, to provide that the Inspector General of the Agency for International Development shall serve as the Inspector General of the Inter-American Foundation and the African Development Foundation.

Pages S7410, S7417, S7422

Helms (for Schumer/Brownback) Amendment No. 724, to express the sense of the Congress regarding the treatment of religious minorities in the Islamic Republic of Iran, and particularly the recent arrests of members of that country's Jewish community.

Pages S7410, S7417, S7422

Helms (for Mack/Lieberman) Amendment No. 725, to amend the reporting requirements of the PLO Commitments Compliance Act of 1989.

Pages S7410, S7417, S7422

Helms (for Grams/Wellstone) Amendment No. 726, to authorize appropriations for contributions to the United Nations Voluntary Fund for Victims of Torture.

Pages S7410, S7417, S7422

Helms (for Dodd) Amendment No. 727, to ensure that investigations, and reports of investigations, of the Inspector General of the Department of State and the Foreign Service are thorough and accurate.

Pages S7410, S7417-18, S7422

Helms (for Ashcroft) Amendment No. 728, to require the Secretary of State to report on United States citizens injured or killed by certain terrorist groups.

Pages \$7410, \$7418-19, \$7422

Helms (for Harkin) Amendment No. 729, to express the sense of the Senate that the United States

should ratify the ILO Convention on the Worst Forms of Child Labor. Pages \$7410, \$7419, \$7422

Helms (for Feingold) Amendment No. 730, relating to the prosecution of certain individuals responsible for genocide and other serious violations of international humanitarian law.

Pages S7410, S7419-20, S7422

Helms (for Feinstein) Amendment No. 731, to require a report on the worldwide circulation of small arms and light weapons. Pages \$7410, \$7420-22

Rejected:

By 23 yeas to 76 nays (Vote No. 179), Feingold Amendment No. 692, to limit the percentage of noncompetitively awarded grants made to the core grantees of the National Endowment for Democracy.

Pages S7408-10

Withdrawn:

Sarbanes Amendment No. 695 (Division 1), to increase the authorization of appropriations for contributions for international organizations. Page S7385

Dodd Amendment No. 690, to transfer the authority for criminal investigations from the State Department Inspector General to the Diplomatic Security Service.

Pages \$7407-08

Steel Import Limitation: Senate resumed consideration of the motion to proceed to H.R. 975, to provide for a reduction in the volume of steel imports, and to establish a steel import notification and monitoring program.

Pages \$7393–\$7406

During consideration of this measure today, Senate also took the following action:

By 42 yeas to 57 nays (Vote No. 178), three-fifths of those Senators duly chosen and sworn not having voted in the affirmative, Senate failed to agree to close further debate on the motion to proceed to the consideration of the bill.

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Agricultural Appropriations, FY2000: Senate continued consideration of S. 1233, making appropriations for Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies programs for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2000, taking action on the following amendments proposed thereto:

Pages S7428–46

Rejected:

Dorgan (for Daschle) Amendment No. 702, to amend the Public Health Services Act, the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974, and the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to protect consumers in managed care plans and other health coverage. (By 53 yeas to 47 nays (Vote No. 182), Senate tabled the amendment.)

Pages S7428-46

Subsequently, Lott Amendment No. 703 (to Amendment No. 702), to improve the access and choice of patients to quality, affordable health care, fell when Amendment No. 702 was tabled. (By 45

yeas to 55 nays (Vote No. 181), Senate earlier failed to table Amendment No. 703.) Pages \$7428-46

A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing for further consideration of the bill, on Wednesday, June 23, 1999. Page S7482

Appointment:

Mexico-U.S. Interparliamentary Group: The Chair, on behalf of the Vice President, pursuant to 22 U.S.C. 276h–276k, as amended, appointed Senator Sessions as a member of the Senate Delegation to the Mexico-U.S. Interparliamentary Group Meeting during the First Session of the 106th Congress, to be held in Savannah, Georgia, June 25–27, 1999.

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Measures Placed on Calendar:

Communications:

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Amendments Submitted: Pages S7467-76

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Authority for Committees: Pages S7476–77

Additional Statements: Pages \$7477-82

Record Votes: Five record votes were taken today. (Total-182) Pages \$7405, \$7409-10, \$7423, \$7446

Adjournment: Senate convened at 9:30 a.m., and adjourned at 6:50 p.m., until 9:30 a.m. on Wednesday, June 23, 1999. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Majority Leader in today's Record on page S7482.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

FEDERAL Y2K SPENDING

Committee on Appropriations/Special Committee on the Year 2000 Technology Problem: Committees concluded joint hearings to examine the allocation and use of funds for Federal Y2K remediation, repair, and contingency planning, after receiving testimony from David M. Walker, Comptroller General of the United States, General Accounting Office; and Jacob J. Lew, Director, Office of Management and Budget.

JUVENILE DIABETES

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education concluded hearings on the National Institutes of Health proposed budget increase for the treatment and prevention of juvenile diabetes, after receiving testi-

mony from Senator Thurmond; Harold Varmus, Director, and Phillip Gorden, Director, National Institute of Diabetes and Digestive and Kidney Diseases, both of the National Institutes of Health, Department of Health and Human Services; and Mary Tyler Moore, New York, New York, on behalf of the Juvenile Diabetes Foundation.

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Interior approved for full committee consideration an original bill to make appropriations for the Department of the Interior and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2000.

NOMINATION

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs: Committee concluded hearings on the nomination of Lawrence H. Summers, of Maryland, to be Secretary of the Treasury, after the nominee, who was introduced by Senator Santorum, testified and answered questions in his own behalf.

DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY SECURITY

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources/Committee on Armed Services/Committee on Governmental Affairs/Select Committee on Intelligence: Committees concluded joint hearings on the President's Foreign Intelligence Advisory Board's report on security problems at the Department of Energy, after receiving testimony from Bill Richardson, Secretary of Energy; and former Senator Rudman, Chairman, President's Foreign Intelligence Advisory Board.

DISTRIBUTED GENERATION TECHNOLOGIES

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: Committee concluded hearings to explore the effectiveness of existing Federal and industry efforts to promote distributed generating technologies, including solar, wind, fuel cells and microturbines, as well as regulatory and other barriers to their widespread use, after receiving testimony from Dan W. Reicher, Assistant Secretary of Energy for Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy; Meera Kohler, Anchorage Municipal Light and Power, and Matthew Nicolai, Calista Corporation, both of Anchorage, Alaska; Tony Prophet, AlliedSignal Power Systems, Inc., Albuquerque, New Mexico; George C. McNamee, Plug Power, Latham, New York; Thomas R. Schneider, Institute of Electrical and Electronic Engineers, Inc., Portola Valley, California; and Beverly E. Jones, Consolidated Natural Gas Company, Washington, D.C., on behalf of the American Gas Association.

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on Finance: Committee ordered favorably reported the following business items:

The nomination of Lawrence H. Summers, of Maryland, to be Secretary of the Treasury;

An original bill to extend the Generalized System of Preferences program from June 30, 1999 to June 30, 2004:

An original bill authorizing funds through fiscal year 2001 for trade adjustment assistance programs for the purpose of providing assistance to individual workers and firms that are adversely affected by the import competition;

An original bill to extend preferential treatment to certain products imported from Caribbean Basin countries; and

An original bill to provide eligible sub-Saharan African countries with enhanced benefits under the Generalized System of Preferences program, to provide quota-free access to the United States for apparel products produced in eligible sub-Saharan African countries using U.S. fabric, to direct the President to begin plans for implementing a United States-Sub-Saharan Africa free trade area, and to create a United States-Sub-Saharan Africa Trade and Economic Cooperation Forum.

NATIONAL DRUG CONTROL

Committee on Foreign Relations: Subcommittee on Western Hemisphere, Peace Corps, Narcotics and Terrorism concluded hearings to examine counterdrug efforts in the United States Southern Command's Area of Responsibility, after receiving testimony from Gen. Charles E. Wilhelm, USMC, Commander in Chief, U.S. Southern Command.

NOMINATION

Committee on Foreign Relations: Committee resumed hearings on the nomination of Richard Holbrooke, of New York, to be the Representative of the United States of America to the United Nations with the rank and status of Ambassador, and the Representative of the United States of America in the Security Council of the United Nations, where the nominee further testified and answered questions in his own behalf. Testimony was also received from Harold Jim Johnson, Associate Director, International Relations and Trade Division, General Accounting Office.

Hearings continue on Thursday, June 24.

NOMINATION

Committee on Foreign Relations: Committee concluded hearings on the nomination of Gwen C. Clare, of South Carolina, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Ecuador, after the nominee testified and answered questions in her own behalf.

STADIUM FINANCING AND FRANCHISE RELOCATION ACT

Committee on the Judiciary: Committee concluded hearings on S. 952, to expand an antitrust exemption applicable to professional sports leagues and to require, as a condition of such an exemption, participation by professional football and major league baseball sports leagues in the financing of certain stadium construction activities, after receiving testimony from Jerry Richardson, Carolina Panthers, Charlotte, North Carolina; Benjamin Klein, University of California Los Angeles Department of Economics, Los Angeles; Gene Upshaw, National Football League Players Association, Washington, D.C.; Paul Tagliabue, National Football League, New York, New York; and Richard Horrow, Horrow Sports Ventures, Miami, Florida.

ELEMENTARY AND SECONDARY EDUCATION ACT

Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions: Committee resumed hearings on proposed legislation authorizing funds for programs of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act, focusing on professional development opportunities for teachers, after receiving testimony from William Badders, Cleveland Municipal School District, Cleveland, Ohio; Barbara Schneider, Community School District 2, and Randi Weingarten, United Federation of Teachers, on behalf of the American Federation of Teachers, both of New York, New York; Stephen L. Bedford, Col. E. Brooke Lee Middle School, Silver Spring, Maryland; and C. Emily Feistritzer, National Center for Education Information, Washington, D.C. Hearings continue tomorrow.

OLDER AMERICANS ACT

Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions: Subcommittee on Aging concluded hearings on proposed legislation authorizing funds for programs of the Older Americans Act, focusing on the need for a National Family Caregiver Support Program, after receiving testimony from Senator Grassley; Donna M. Butts, Generations United, Washington, D.C.; and Carolyn Erwin-Johnson, Baltimore, Maryland.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Bills Introduced: 25 public bills, H.R. 2290–2314, and 1 private bill, H.R. 2315, were introduced.

Pages H4733-35

Reports Filed: Reports were filed today as follows: H. Res. 216, a resolution providing for the consideration of H.R. 1658, to provide a more just and uniform procedure for Federal civil forfeitures (H. Rept. 106–193);

H. Res. 217, a resolution providing for the consideration of H.J. Res. 33, proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the United States authorizing the Congress to prohibit the physical desecration of the flag of the United States (H. Rept. 106–194);

H.R. 1653, to approve a governing international fishery agreement between the United States and the Russian Federation (H. Rept. 106–195); and

H. Res. 218, a resolution providing for the consideration of H.R. 2084, making appropriations for the Department of Transportation and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2000 (H. Rept. 106–196).

Speaker Pro Tempore: Read a letter from the Speaker wherein he designated Representative Myrick to act as Speaker pro tempore for today.

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Guest Chaplain: The prayer was offered by the guest Chaplain, Rev. Steven L. Wolverton of Baltimore, Maryland.

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Recess: The House recessed at 1:33 p.m. and reconvened at 2:00 p.m. Page H4675

Suspensions: The House agreed to suspend the rules and pass the following measures:

Raising Public Awareness of Prostate Cancer:
H. Res. 211, expressing the Sense of the House of Representatives Regarding the Importance of Raising Public Awareness of Prostate Cancer, and of Regular Testing and Examinations in the Fight Against Prostate Cancer;

Pages H4677-82

Community Renewal and Faith Based Organizations: H. Res. 207, expressing the sense of the House of Representatives with regard to community renewal through community- and faith-based organizations; and

Pages H4685–98

Missing In Action Israeli Soldiers: H.R. 1175, amended, to locate and secure the return of Zachary Baumel, an American citizen, and other Israeli soldiers missing in action (passed by a yea and nay vote

of 415 yeas to 5 nays with 1 voting "present"). Agreed to amend the title. Pages H4683-85, H4708-09

Patriot Act: The House passed H.R. 659, to authorize appropriations for the protection of Paoli and Brandywine Battlefields in Pennsylvania, to direct the National Park Service to conduct a special resource study of Paoli and Brandywine Battlefields, and to authorize the Valley Forge Museum of the American Revolution at Valley Forge National Historical Park, by a yea and nay vote of 418 yeas to 4 nays, Roll No. 245.

Pages H4700-08

Agreed to the committee amendment in the nature of a substitute made in order by the rule.

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Agreed to the Traficant amendment that urges the Valley Forge Historical Society to buy American-made products to the greatest degree practicable.

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The Klink amendment was offered, but subsequently withdrawn, that sought to require Congressional authorization for certain new construction within Gettysburg National Military Park.

Pages H4705-06

H. Res. 210, the rule that provided for consideration of the bill was agreed to by voice vote.

Pages H4698-H4700

Senate Messages: Messages received from the Senate today and on June 21 appear on pages H4667 and H4677.

Amendments Ordered Printed: Amendments ordered printed pursuant to the rule appear on pages H4736–40.

Quorum Calls—Votes: Two yea and nay votes developed during the proceedings of the House today and appear on pages H4707–08 and H4708–09. There were no quorum calls.

Adjournment: The House met at 12:30 p.m. and adjourned at 9:16 p.m.

Committee Meetings

COMPREHENSIVE BUDGET PROCESS REFORM ACT

Committee on Appropriations: Ordered reported H.R. 853, Comprehensive Budget Process Reform Act of 1999.

DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on the District of Columbia held a hearing on DC Public Schools. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Schools of the District of Columbia:

Mike Peabody, Chair, Public Charter School Coalition; Jack McCarthy, Managing Director, Apple Tree Institute; Josephine Baker, Chair, Public Charter School Board; Arlene Ackerman, Superintendent of Public Schools; Maudine R. Cooper, Emergency Board of Trustees; and Wilma R. Harvey, President, Board of Education; Constance Newman, Vice Chair, D.C. Financial Responsibility and Management Assistance Authority; and public witnesses.

IMF LENDING POLICIES—GAO REPORT

Committee on Banking and Financial Services: Subcommittee on Domestic and International Monetary Policy held a hearing on GAO Report on IMF Lending Policies. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the GAO: Susan Westin, Associate Director, Financial Institutions and Market Issues; and Jim Johnson, Associate Director, International Relations and Trade Issues.

SOCIAL SECURITY DISABILITY INSURANCE

Committee on the Budget: Social Security Task Force held a hearing on Social Security Disability Insurance. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the SSA: Jane Ross, Deputy Commissioner, Policy; and Mark Nadel, Associate Commissioner, Disability and Income Assistance; and a public witness.

RUDMAN REPORT

Committee on Commerce: Held a hearing on the Rudman Report: Science at its Best, Security at its Worst. Testimony was heard from Bill Richardson, Secretary of Energy and Warren B. Rudman, Chairman, President's Foreign Intelligence Advisory Board.

OVERSIGHT—OFFICE OF CIVIL RIGHTS

Committee on Education and the Workforce: Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations held a hearing on Review and Oversight of the Department of Education's Office of Civil Rights. Testimony was heard from Norma Cantu, Assistant Secretary, Office of Civil Rights, Department of Education; and a public witness.

COMMITTEE BUSINESS

Committee on House Administration: Considered and approved pending Committee business.

QUALITY HEALTH—CARE COALITION ACT

Committee on the Judiciary Held a hearing on H.R. 1304, Quality Health-Care Coalition Act of 1999. Testimony was heard from Representatives Campbell and Cooksey; Robert Pitofsky, Chairman, FTC; Joel Klein, Assistant Attorney General, Antitrust Division, Department of Justice; and public witnesses.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on the Judiciary: Subcommittee on Immigration and Claims approved for full Committee action the following bills: H.R. 456, amended, for the relief of the survivors of the 14 members of the Armed Forces and the one United States civilian Federal employee who were killed on April 14, 1994, when United States fighter aircraft mistakenly shot down 2 United States helicopters over Iraq; and H.R. 1788, Nazi Benefits Termination Act of 1999.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on Resources: Subcommittee on Fisheries Conservation, Wildlife and Oceans approved for full Committee action the following bills: H.R. 1444, to authorize the Secretary of the Army to develop and implement projects for fish screens, fish passage devices, and other similar measures to mitigate adverse impacts associated with irrigation system water diversions by local governmental entities in the States of Oregon, Washington, Montana, and Idaho; H.R. 1934, amended, Marine Mammal Rescue Assistance Act of 1999; and H.R. 2181, Fisheries Survey Vessel Authorization Act of 1999.

CIVIL ASSET FORFEITURE REFORM ACT

Committee on Rules: Granted, by voice vote, a modified open rule providing one hour of debate on H.R. 1658, Civil Asset Forfeiture Reform Act.

The rule waives all points of order against consideration of the bill. The rule provides that the amendment in the nature of a substitute modified by the amendment recommended by the Committee on the Judiciary now printed in the bill be considered as the original bill for the purpose of amendment.

The rule provides that the amendment in the nature of a substitute shall be open for amendment by section. The rule provides that prior to the consideration of any other amendment it shall be in order to consider the amendment printed in the Rules Committee report, which may be offered by Representative Hyde or his designee, may amend portions of the bill not yet read for amendment, and shall be considered as read.

The rule provides for the consideration of only those amendments pre-printed in the Congressional Record, which may be offered only by the Member who caused it to be printed or his designee.

The rule allows for the Chairman of the Committee of the Whole to postpone votes during consideration of the bill, and to reduce voting time to five minutes on a postponed question if the vote follows a fifteen minute vote. Finally, the rule provides one motion to recommit with or without instructions. Testimony was heard from Chairman Hyde.

CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT PROHIBITING PHYSICAL DESECRATION OF THE FLAG

Committee on Rules: Granted, by voice vote, a structured rule providing two hours of debate in on H.J. Res. 33, proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the United States authorizing the Congress to prohibit the physical desecration of the flag of the United States.

The rule makes in order an amendment in the nature of a substitute to be offered by Representative Conyers or his designee, debatable for one hour equally divided between the proponent and an opponent. Finally, the rule provides for one motion to recommit, with or without instructions. Testimony was heard from Representatives Canady of Florida and Watt of North Carolina.

TRANSPORTATION APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Rules: Granted, by voice vote, an open rule providing one hour of general debate on H.R. 2084, making appropriations for the Department of Transportation and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2000 to be equally divided between the chairman and ranking minority member of the Committee on Appropriations. The rule waives clause 4(c) of rule XIII (requiring the threeday availability of printed hearings on a general appropriations bill) and section 401(a) of the Congressional Budget Act (prohibiting consideration of legislation containing new contract authority not subject to appropriations) against consideration of the bill. The rule waives clause 2 of rule XXI (prohibiting unauthorized or legislative provisions in an appropriations bill) against provisions in the bill, except as otherwise specified in the rule. The rule waives clause 2 of rule XXI against the amendment printed in the report accompanying this resolution, which may be offered only by the Member designated in the report and at the appropriate point in the reading of the bill, shall be considered as read, and shall not be subject to amendment. The rule authorizes the Chair to accord priority in recognition to Members who have pre-printed their amendments in the Congressional Record. The rule allows for the Chairman of the Committee of the Whole to postpone votes during consideration of the bill, and to reduce votes to five minutes on a postponed question if the vote follows a fifteen minute vote. Finally, the rule provides one motion to recommit with or without instructions.

NANOTECHNOLOGY

Committee on Science: Subcommittee on Basic Research held a hearing on Nanotechnology: The State of Nano-Science and Its Prospects for the Next Decade.

Testimony was heard from Eugene Wong, Assistant Director, Engineering Directorate, NSF; Paul McWhorter, Deputy Director, Microsystems Science, Technology and Components Center, Sandia National Laboratories, Department of Energy; and public witnesses.

CLEAN WATER INFRASTRUCTURE AND WET WEATHER FLOWS LEGISLATION

Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure: Subcommittee on Water Resources and Environment held a hearing on Clean Water Infrastructure and Wet Weather Flows legislation. Testimony was heard from J. Charles Fox, Assistant Administrator, Water, EPA; the following Mayors from the State of Massachusetts: Edward M. Lambert, Jr., Fall River; and Frederick Kalisz, Jr., New Bedford; David Pollison, Head, Planning Branch, Delaware River Basin Commission, West Trenton, New Jersey; Michael J. Hornbrook, Director, Sewer Facilities Development, Water Resources Authority, State of Massachusetts; and public witnesses.

U.S. INTERNATIONAL TAX REGIME—COMPLEXITY

Committee on Ways and Means: Subcommittee on Oversight held a hearing on the complexity of the Current U.S. International Tax Regime. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR WEDNESDAY, JUNE 23, 1999

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

Committee on Armed Services: to hold hearings on recommendations to reorganize Department of Energy National Security Programs in response to espionage threats, 9:30 a.m., SR-222.

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs: to resume hearings on proposed legislation authorizing funds for programs of the Export Administration Act, 10 a.m., SD–538.

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: business meeting to mark up pending calendar business, 9:30 a.m., SR-253.

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: Subcommittee on Forests and Public Land Management, to hold hearings on S. 953, to direct the Secretary of Agriculture to convey certain land in the State of South Dakota to the Terry Peak Ski Area; S. 503, designating certain land in the San Isabel National Forest in the State of Colorado as the "Spanish Peaks Wilderness"; S. 977, to provide for the conveyance by the Bureau of Land Management to Douglas County, Oregon, of a county park and certain adjacent land; S. 1088, to authorize the Secretary of Agriculture to convey certain administrative sites in national forests in the State of Arizona, to convey certain land to

the City of Sedona, Arizona for a wastewater treatment facility; H.R. 15, to designate a portion of the Otay Mountain region of California as wilderness; and S. 848, to designate a portion of the Otay Mountain region of California as wilderness, 2:15 p.m., SD-366.

Committee on Environment and Public Works: Subcommittee on Fisheries, Wildlife, and Drinking Water, to hold hearings on issues relating to salmon recovery, 1:30 p.m., SD-406.

Committee on Finance: to hold hearings to examine adding a prescription drug benefit to the Medicare program, 10 a.m., SD-215.

Committee on Foreign Relations: Subcommittee on Near Eastern and South Asian Affairs, to resume hearings to examine the United States policy towards Iraq, 11 a.m., SD–562.

Full Committee, to hold hearings on the nomination of David B. Sandalow, of the District of Columbia, to be Assistant Secretary of State for Oceans and International Environmental and Scientific Affairs, 4 p.m., SD–562.

Committee on Governmental Affairs: to hold hearings on interagency Inspectors General report on the export control process for dual-use and munitions list commodities, 10 a.m., SD-342.

Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions: to resume hearings on proposed legislation authorizing funds for programs of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act, focusing on Title VI, 9:30 a.m., SD-628.

Committee on Indian Affairs: to hold oversight hearings on National Gambling Impact Study Commission report, 9:30 a.m., SR-301.

Select Committee on Intelligence: to hold closed hearings on pending intelligence matters, 3 p.m., SH–219.

Committee on the Judiciary: to hold hearings on issues relating to religious liberty, 11 a.m., SD-226.

Committee on Veterans Affairs: business meeting to mark up pending calendar business, 2 p.m., SR-418.

House

Committee on Agriculture, hearing on the Administration's preparation for the 1999 World Trade Ogranization Ministerial, 10 a.m., 1300 Longworth.

Committee on Appropriations, Subcommittee on the District of Columbia, on DC Budget, 10 a.m., 2362 Rayburn.

Committee on Commerce, to mark up H.R. 850, Security and Freedom through Encryption (SAFE) Act, 10 a.m., 2123 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Health and Environment, to continue hearings on America's Health, 2 p.m., 2123 Rayburn.

Committee on Education and the Workforce, to mark up the following bills: H.R. 987, Workforce Preservation Act; and H.R. 1381, Rewarding Performance in Compensation Act, 10:30 a.m., 2175 Rayburn.

Committee on Government Reform, Subcommittee on Criminal Justice, Drug Policy, and Human Resources, hearing on Getting Away With Murder, Is Mexico a Safe Haven for Killers?: The Del Toro Case, 10 a.m., 2154 Rayburn.

Šubcommittee on Government Management, Information, and Technology, hearing on H.R. 1599, Year 2000 Compliance Assistance Act, 10 a.m., 2203 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on National Security, Veterans Affairs and International Relations, oversight hearing on Combating Terrorism: Role of the National Guard Response Teams, 10 a.m., 2247 Rayburn.

Committee on International Relations, Subcommittee on Asia and the Pacific, to mark up the following bills: H.R. 1152, Silk Road Strategy Act of 1999; and H.R. 1794, concerning the participation of Taiwan in the World Health Organization (WHO), 2 p.m., 2255 Rayburn.

Committee on the Judiciary, to continue markup of H.R. 1691, Religious Liberty Protection Act of 1999; and to mark up the following bills: H.R. 1218, Child Custody Protection Act; and H.R. 2014, to prohibit a State from imposing a discriminatory commuter tax on nonresidents, 9:15 a.m., 2141 Rayburn.

Committee on Resources, Task Force on Warner Creek Timber Sale and Related Matters, oversight hearing on the Warner Creek Timber Sale and related matters, 2 p.m., 1334 Longworth.

Committee on Rules, to consider H.R. 853, Comprehensive Budget Process Reform Act of 1999, 2 p.m., H–313 Capitol.

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Committee on Ways and Means, to continue hearings on Reducing the Tax Burden: II, Providing Tax Relief to Strengthen the Family and Sustain a Strong Economy, 10 a.m., 1100 Longworth.

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